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JANUARY 16, 1829.

Read twice, and laid upon the table.

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Mr. P. P. BARBOUR, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which the subject had been referred, reported the following bill :

## A BILL

*In addition to the act, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of lands conveyed to the United States, in certain cases, and for other purposes," passed the twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four.*

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*  
3       in all cases where lands have been, or shall hereafter be, con-  
4       veyed to or for the United States, for forts, arsenals, dock-  
5       yards, light-houses, or any like purpose, or in payment of debts  
6       due the United States, which shall not be used, or necessary  
7       for the purposes for which they were purchased, or other au-  
8       thorized purpose, it shall be lawful for the President of the  
9       United States to cause the same to be sold, for the best price  
10      to be obtained, and to convey the same to the purchaser, by  
11      grant or otherwise.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the President*  
2       of the United States be authorized to procure the assent of  
3       the Legislature of any State, within which any purchase of

4 land has been made, for the erection of forts, magazines,  
5 arsenals, dock-yards, and other needful buildings, without  
6 such consent having been obtained ; and, also, to obtain a  
7 cession of jurisdiction to any such tract, as is provided for in  
8 the sixteenth clause of the eighth section of the first article  
9 of the Constitution ; and that he be authorized to procure the  
10 like consent and cession of jurisdiction as to all future pur-  
11 chases of land for either of those purposes.

1        **SEC. 3.** *And be it further enacted,* That the President of  
2 the United States, in all cases where lands have been convey-  
3 ed for the United States to individuals or officers, be author-  
4 ized to obtain from the person or persons to whom the con-  
5 veyance has been made, a release of their interest to the  
6 United States.